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BIRTH.  
At Manila, on the 4th July, the wife of Messrs.  
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DEATH.  
Suddenly of heart disease, on the 15th inst., at  
Benton Dock, COLIN D. MACDONALD, aged 38  
years, child of the late Mr. Macdonald.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JULY 17th, 1897.

Is any of our Legislative Councillors want  
a profitable hour's reading we would com-  
mend to their attention the debates which  
took place in the Legislative Council in  
1891 upon the Gambling Bill. Especially  
would we ask the Hon. C. P. CHATER and  
the Hon. T. B. WHEATHEAD to devote a  
little time to the study of this question.  
Neither of the hon. gentlemen had very  
much to say on the subject themselves, but  
what little they did say was to the effect  
that something should be done, and therefore  
let us have a Bill. Well, we got a Bill,  
and here we are, six years later, in a worse  
position than ever, the public service  
honeycombed with corruption, and gam-  
bling rife amongst all classes of the popu-  
lation, native and foreign. Again it will  
be said that something must be done, and  
in the interests of the colony at large  
we would earnestly implore the unofficial  
members of Council to take the trouble to  
think the whole matter out for themselves  
as independent lines and not to accept on  
trust any Bill that the officials may lay  
before them.

In the course of the debates referred to  
an interesting and concise summary of the  
history of the gambling question was given  
by the Hon. W. M. DEANE, at that time  
Acting Colonial Secretary, but whose  
substantive office was that of Captain Sir  
Superintendent of Police. In 1855 gambling  
was rampant, said Mr. DEANE, and the  
corruption of the police was notorious.  
Inspectors were paid \$25 per month for each  
house opened. Sir RICHARD MACDONALD  
thought it necessary to adopt regulations  
for the control of the vice, and a certain  
number of gambling houses were licensed, but  
these regulations were the subject of much  
censure in England, and they had to be  
withdrawn. Sir RICHARD MACDONALD  
steadily denied that the regulations had any  
reference to revenue, and Mr. DEANE in the  
course of his speech expressed the opinion  
that if the revenue had not been so great  
so much would have been heard about the  
matter. After the abolition of the licensing  
system the suppression of gambling fell into  
the hands of the Registrar-General and the  
Captain Superintendent of Police. For a  
time gambling was brought into what Mr.  
DEANE described as "moderate compass,"  
but then, he continued, "one or two  
unfortunate events occurred. One of  
the inspectors was suspected of being  
"bought over," and then another Governor  
"arrived with an entirely new policy."

The Governor referred to was the late  
Sir JOHN PEARCE HENNESSY, whose order,  
according to Mr. DEANE, was, "Leave the  
Chinese alone. Let them gamble in peace  
except in so far as they may be disturbed  
by the law."

"except in so far as they may be disturbed  
by the law," were established in  
large numbers, which were really gambling  
houses under another name, and in 1891  
the law now in force was passed for the  
purpose of suppressing these establishments  
and all forms of public gambling. For a  
time the law appeared to be successful,  
until the parties concerned had time to be  
round and take their bearings under the new  
conditions. Then, finding the houses swept  
and gambled, the evil spirit returned,  
bringing with him seven others.

To make matters clear to those who may  
not have studied the gambling question it  
may be convenient to note the distinction  
between public and private gambling. If  
a party of friends sit down to a game of  
cards and play for money, the chance of  
all being equal, that is private gambling,  
of which the law takes no cognizance;  
but if there is a banker, or a master of  
the game who takes a commission on  
the winnings and runs the establishment  
for a profit, it becomes public gambling.  
There is no moral distinction between  
public and private gambling, but the  
former is deemed inexpedient in the public  
interests, on the ground that it encourages  
vice and leads to crime. It is therefore  
a question of expediency, rather than a  
question of morals; that the subject must  
be discussed, and looked at in that light  
we maintain that Sir RICHARD MACDONALD's  
system of licensing a limited number of  
gambling houses and so bringing the vice  
under control is the best that could be  
devised. Suppression is absolutely hopeless  
and must inevitably lead to corruption in  
the public service. We have no wish to  
palliate the offence of accepting bribes, but  
we can understand that a policeman who  
could not under any circumstances be  
induced to connive at a robbery might  
think it not quite the same thing to take a bribe in respect  
of gambling, when he knows that gambling  
will go on whether he interferes with it or  
not, and when he knows that gambling in  
one form or another is indulged in by all  
classes of the population, European and  
Chinese alike. Where bribes are freely offered  
the strain is too great to be uniformly resisted  
by men in receipt of small salaries when it  
is not an actual crime that is in question.

The gambling law of 1891 was introduced  
during the absence of the then Governor,  
Sir WILLIAM DES VOEUX, who returned  
when it was still before the Council. His  
Excellency then said, he must confess the  
experience he had had in various parts of  
the world made him very sceptical about the  
practical effect for good of any gambling  
law; he had seen gambling laws tried in  
various places, and he was bound to  
say that as far as he could see they had  
had very little or no effect; and he  
referred to the feverish gambling spirit  
that prevails in England, notwithstanding  
all the laws passed for the suppression of  
gambling. His Excellency expressed himself  
in somewhat similar terms at meeting after  
meeting, but the conclusion at which he  
finally arrived was that it was a question  
of beginning legislation he would decline  
to do anything in the absence of special  
instructions, but as they had at present on  
the statute book a law which had  
become almost utterly useless he in-  
tended to proceed with the Bill, because  
it could not make matters worse than they  
were and might make them better. "There  
is only one point," His Excellency  
continued, "as to which I was for a  
long time doubtful, and that is the ques-  
tion of corruption. It has been

suggested, I fear not altogether without  
ground, that there is a large amount of  
corruption. Yet we are not certain about  
it. This law will enable us to be certain.  
"If the gambling in particular places is not  
put an end to we shall know that the  
corruption exists; and either it will have  
to be corrected or the law will have to be  
given up altogether. It may be that  
the inducements to gambling are so  
great that no salaries we are able  
to pay will be sufficient to procure  
men who will altogether administer the law  
against gamblers with strict impartiality.  
"Of course I know there are in the present  
"police force men who, although they are  
in a humble position, would firmly resist  
"men to be bribed. I know there are such  
"men and that they have resisted such  
"offers, but taking an ordinary view  
"it is a question whether men at such  
"salaries as can be given in the police  
"force, the average man, would be able  
"to resist the large sums which it might  
"pay gamblers to offend." The Hon. Ho  
KAT in the same debate also expressed his  
apprehension that to increase the stringency  
of the law would increase corruption in the  
police force. That apprehension has been  
fulfilled, and it is evident our legislation on  
the subject will have to be revised. It  
seems to us there are only two alternatives:  
either to increase a certain number of gam-  
bling houses, as under Sir RICHARD MAC-  
DONALD's system, by which the evil of public  
gambling, though not suppressed, can be  
controlled and kept within bounds, or to  
give up interference with it altogether.  
The decision rests with the Colonial Office,  
and the matter should be presented to Mr.  
CHAMBERLAIN in that light. Perhaps  
as a matter of opinion might be elicited, but  
as to one of the alternatives it might be  
pointed out that the home Government has  
condemned the colony to free trade in sexual  
vice with its attendant dangers to the public  
health; and that free trade in gambling  
would be a lesser evil, and that the attempt  
to suppress gambling fails in its object and  
corrupts the public service.

The P. and O. steamer *Orion* left Singapore  
for this port on the 15th inst., at 4 p.m.

The P. and O. steamer *Scotia*, from China,  
arrived at London on the morning of the 15th  
inst.

Yesterday the Douglas steamer *Altan*  
(Captain Bouché) was sighted in the waters  
of the 300th mile off the coast of Hongkong  
to coast past. The *Altan* was built in 1897.

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